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Classified By: Ambassador John Campbell for reasons 1.4 (b & d).

(C) On June 15, PolOff delivered reftel demarche to Obiora Egbunike, Assistant Director of the Second United Nations Division (SUND) in the Nigerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Egbunike concurred that both Cuba and Belarus were "problem countries" and that eliminating country-specific mandates would, indeed, "reward repressive regimes." While Mr. Egbunike was not authorized to announce an official response, he pledged to communicate our demarche points to the SUND Director, currently attending the UNHRC meeting in Geneva. (Note: Newly inaugurated President Umaru Yar'Adua has yet to appoint any ministers. The Permanent Secretary who is currently in charge at MFA was attending an ECOWAS summit, and so the highest ranking GON official available to discuss and elaborate upon United Nations-related issues was Mr. Egbunike.)  
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